HOMEGOING CELEBRATION FOR

PASTOR

CLARENCE C. SHEPPARD

SEPTEMBER 25, 1929 - NOVEMBER 25, 2022

SERVICE HELD

Friday, December 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

PERRY TEMPLE COGIC

3443 Market Street

Oakland, CA 94608

Officiating: Dr. Leonard Jackson Jr.

OBITUARY READING

Pastor Clarence Christopher Sheppard was born in Wakefield, St. Thomas Parrish, Jamaica on September 25, 1929 to Charles Sheppard and Violet Kelly. He was one of eleven children born to this union.

He was educated in the Jamaican School System where he excelled in his studies. At the tender age of 11, Pastor Sheppard lost his mother, Violet Kelly. He was left to care for his younger siblings, which included cooking, cleaning and getting them ready for school.

At the age of 20, Pastor Sheppard was saved, baptized and filled with the Holy Ghost under the auspice of Bishop Hall. At the age of 23, he began his ministry of evangelism. One of the churches he impacted was Content Church where he worked alongside Mother Doris Louza. Pastor Sheppard founded and pastored 4 churches throughout Jamaica of which 2 are still standing today.

In 1964 Pastor Sheppard brought his ministry of evangelism to the United States, where he held revivals in several cities in Georgia, Southern California and the Bakersfield area. He settled in Bakersfield where he later met and married Florence Lee Williams. During the time of their union, they were blessed with a handsome baby boy, Norris Anthony Sheppard. They were very proud and loving parents, raising Norris in the fear and admonition of the Lord. After more than 40 years of marriage Mother Florence Lee Sheppard, took her flight to glory on June 25, 2005.

In the mid 60's, Pastor Sheppard and his family relocated to Oakland, CA. He worked across a broad spectrum of companies from Granny Goose Company to heavy construction. Prior to pastoring in the United States, Pastor Sheppard was an ordained elder at Metropolitan COGIC under Elder C.H. Webb and Greater Emmanuel COGIC under Bishop A.T. Wagoner.

In 1972, Pastor Sheppard founded Bethesda COGIC on 76th and MacArthur. In 1980 God gave Pastor Sheppard a vision of a new location on the corner of 51st and Foothill. At the time it was a medical building but God showed him it would become a place for healing. Bethesda COGIC then became Greater Bethesda COGIC. Pastor Sheppard was a man of strong faith and as a result the mortgage was paid off in 7 years.

Pastor Sheppard was a man of great integrity, trustworthy, honest, dedicated and humorous. He was a godly man, god fearing, holy and a man of wisdom. He had a deep love and burden for the people of God and he wanted all those within his sphere of influence to be saved. He provided moral and spiritual support. He believed there was no such thing as going out of your way to help someone. He would give you his last dime. Most importantly he loved the Word of God. He stood on the Word of God, because it is truth all by itself. He would repeatedly say the Word of God is the final authority. He led by precept and example. He was an awesome and excellent leader. He was faithful unto death. His mantra was "It is holiness or hell."

On December 10, 2005 Pastor Sheppard married Inez Pitters. They were married for nearly 17 years and enjoyed spending time together. They were devoted to one another. In September of 2020 Pastor Sheppard fractured his hip and Mother Sheppard lovingly took care of him until his death.

Pastor Sheppard departed this life on Friday, November 25, 2022 in Castro Valley, CA. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles Sheppard and Violet Kelly; his brothers Malcolm Hall, Arthur Shepherd and Clinton Sheppard: his sisters Nettie Sheppard and Gwen Campbell; his stepson William Brown. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife Inez P. Sheppard and son Norris Sheppard(Esther), Oakland, CA; his sisters Caroline Phillips and Brenda Mathis, England; many nieces, nephews and cousins; 7 stepchildren- 4 girls and 3 boys; grandson Jahdeen Brown; a host of other grandchildren, great grandchildren and godchildren; friends and the Greater Bethesda COGIC congregation.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Master of Ceremony: Elder Torrance Lindsey, Sr.

Processional.....Family and Friends

Invocation.....Pastor Derrick Lomax Sr.

Old Testament Scripture.....*Isaiah 25:8*.....Elder Donovan Jones Sr.

New Testament Scripture.....*1Thessalonians 4:16-17*.....Elder Bryant Jackson

Hymn.....*I'll Fly Away*.....Pastor Matthew Levy

Expressions from Friends.....Sederia Bond/Adrian Harper

Acknowledgments & Condolences.....Shanice & Chiara Blake

Obituary.....To Be Read Silently

Praise and Worship.....Pastor Matthew Levy

Expressions from Church Family.....Mother Martha Humphrey
Minister Fitz Watson

Musical Selection.....Julene Louza

Resolution.....Deborah Lindsey

Expressions Clergy.....Elder Lambert Badgett
Superintendent Gregory Henderson Sr.
Superintendent Milton Starks

Expressions Jurisdictional Prelate CNW.....ADMIN. ASST. JOHN JACKSON.....~~Bishop Nathaniel A. Bullock~~

Musical Selection.....Johnette Jenkins

Expressions from Family.....Yaniqe Blake
Pastor Cleveland Hall
Inez Phillips

Musical Selection.....Evangelist Sharon Jones

Special Expressions.....Esther Sheppard
Minister Norris A. Sheppard

Sermonic Solo.....Jennifer Phillips

Eulogy.....Dr. Leonard Jackson Jr.

Parting View/Recessional.....C.P. Bannon Mortuary Staff

Repast:

Perry Temple COGIC - Fellowship Hall

3443 Market Street, Oakland, CA 94608

I'LL FLY AWAY

VERSE 1
Some glad morning when this life is over
I'll fly away
To a home on God's celestial shore
I'll fly away

REFRAIN
I'll fly away, oh, Glory
I'll fly away
When I die, Hallelujah, by and by
I'll fly away

VERSE 2
Just a few more weary days and then
I'll fly away
To a land where joy shall never end
I'll fly away

PRAISE & WORSHIP

1-2-3 the devils after me
4-5-6 I saw him throwing bricks
7-8-9 he missed me every time, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen

It's a highway to heaven none can walk up there but the pure in heart. It's a highway to heaven walking up the king's highway.
If you're not walking, start while I'm talking walking up the king's highway. There is joy in knowing that is where I'm going walking up the king's highway.

We shall have a grand time up in heaven. We shall have a grand time up in heaven have a grand time. Walking with the angels, singing glory hallelujah. We shall have a grand time up in heaven have a grand time.

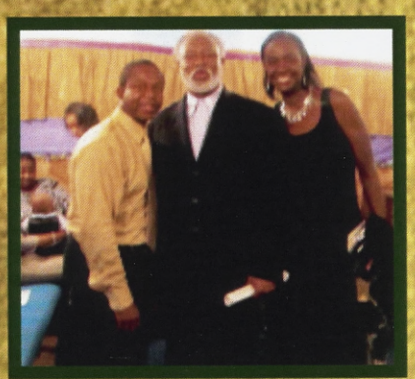
IT COULDN'T BE DONE

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin on his face.
If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it;"
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat,
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.

There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure,
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

Edgar A. Guest



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ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The family of Pastor Clarence C. Sheppard wishes to express a very warm and heartfelt thank you. Your many acts of kindness, phone calls, cards, floral arrangements, words of expression, encouragement, your prayers and sharing your time and presence have consoled our hearts.
There are no adequate words to express our gratitude for your dedication to our family. May God bless you and keep you safe in his arms.

THE FAMILY OF PASTOR CLARENCE C. SHEPPARD

SPECIAL THANK YOU
We offer special thanks to the Greater Bethesda Church family, Renee, Rosa & Joy.

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Jahdeen Brown
Daniel King
Elder Benny Taylor Jr.
Dervan Jackson
Winston Blake Jr.
Darayle Nixon

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Minister Robert Louza
Gavin Blake
Courtney Foster
Winston Blake Sr.
Nicholas Thompson
Clive Foster

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INTERMENT

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